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SUBJECT:REQUEST FOR ASSESSMENT ON VARIOUS STATUS MATTERS

PASS SAIPAN FOR STATUS LNO BERGESEN FROM AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS

WOULD LIKE YOUR ASSESSMENT BY RETURN CABLE TO ME THIS
CHANNEL SOONEST FOLLOWING:

1. SALII'S CURRENT POSITION RELATIVE TO OTHER COM LEADERS,
CONGRESS AT LARGE AND STATUS IN HOME DISTRICT, HIS LIKELY
FUTURE AND FUTURE OF JCFS IN LIGHT RECENTLY INTRODUCED
IEHSI RESOLUTION CALLING FOR NEW JCFS WITH NEW CHARTER.
2. THE ADVISABILITY OF EARLY INFORMAL MEETING WITH SALII/
SILK VERSUS MEETING TO INCLUDE PRESIDENT OF SENATE AND
SPEAKER OF HOUSE IN VIEW SALII PAST BEHAVIOR AND POSSIBLE
LOSS OF INFLUENCE OVER COLLEAGUES.
3. YOUR EXPLANATION OF SALII'S LETTER TO HOLLINGS WHICH IS
SEEN HERE AS POSSIBLE PLAY ON PART OF SALII TO UPSET SENATE
VOTE ON COVENANT DESPITE OFFICIAL POSITION COM LEADERSHIP ON
HJR 549, AND TO REESTABLISH HIMSELF AS THE SPOKESMAN ON ALL
STATUS MATTERS IN EYES OF WASHINGTON. HOW SHOULD WE REACT
TO THIS UNNECESSARY UNFRIENDLY ACTION WHICH NOT WELL RE-
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CEIVED HERE.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SOLICITING CRALEY'S VIEWS ON THE ABOVE MATTERS. ALSO REQUEST YOUR EARLY VIEWS TO ME BY CABLE ON THE MARSHALLS AND PALAU AND THE SEPARATIST SENTIMENTS IN THESE TWO DISTRICTS. ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN KABUA'S CURRENT THINKING AND HIS ATTITUDE TOWARD COM, THE CONSTITUTION, AND THE KWAJALEIN TAX MATTER.

5. FINALLY I WANT YOU TO KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH MARIANAS SITUATION. TENSION APPEARS TO BE DEVELOPING BETWEEN LEADERSHIP. HOPE YOU CAN PERSUADE BORJA AND OTHER FRIENDLY MEMBERS MARIANA DELEGATION TO COM NOT TO PRESS FOR COM RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF COVENANT BECAUSE OF DANGER IT BACKFILLING. THEIR EFFORTS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TOWARD MAINTAINING AMICABLE RELATIONS COM AND COOPERATING RATHER THAN FRUSTRATING ACTIONS OF COM AS REPORTED IN MNS. YOUR VIEWS ON THIS QUESTION WILL BE APPRECIATED.

AMBASSADOR F. H. WILLIAMS.

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